UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

BEFORE THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

In re:)	
)	AWG Docket No. 10-0096
Noreen P. Klittner,)	
)	Order Dismissing Case
Petitioner)	Without Prejudice

Noreen P. Klittner, Petitioner ("Petitioner Klittner"), who resides in Pennsylvania, by letter faxed in November 2009, requested "information regarding debt amount, interest and penalties claimed," and requested "a hearing, review, or discussion" regarding FedDebt Case ID # 2200758380A. Petitioner Klittner stated that she "would like to be able to resolve amicably." Since March 2010, Petitioner Klittner has been represented by Stephen M. Porter, Esq., of Collegeville, Pennsylvania, who requested cancellation of the scheduled hearing and dismissal of this case. Mr. Porter stated, ". . . we will discuss payment and settlement options with the Treasury Department."

I applaud this approach and STRONGLY RECOMMEND that the collection agency work with Petitioner Klittner and her attorney to **establish a repayment schedule**.

Rural Development, an agency of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), is the Respondent ("USDA Rural Development"). USDA Rural Development is represented by Mary E. Kimball and Gene Elkin.

The address for USDA Rural Development for this case is

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USDA Rural Development filed 19 pages of documents on March 24, 2010, which detail the existence and amount of the debt.

In accordance with Mr. Porter's request filed April 15, 2010, this case is DISMISSED, without prejudice to Petitioner Klittner to request a hearing timely, should garnishment be noticed.

Copies of this Order Dismissing Case shall be served by the Hearing Clerk upon each of the parties. Petitioner's copies shall be sent both to Petitioner's attorney Stephen M. Porter, Esq. AND to Petitioner Klittner personally. Further, a copy of USDA Rural Development's 19-page filing on March 24, 2010, shall be enclosed to Petitioner's attorney.

Done at Washington, D.C. this 13th day of May 2010

s/ Jill S. Clifton

Jill S. Clifton Administrative Law Judge

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